

RTTUZYUW RUEWMCS0000 1261634-UUUU--RUCRNAV

ZNR UUUUU

R 051544Z MAY 08

FM OU=SECNAV WASHINGTON DC(UC),L=WASHINGTON,L=DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA,OU=ORGANIZATIONS(UC),OU=NAVY,OU=DOD,O=U.S. GOVERNMENT,C=US TO  
CN=AL ALNAV(UC),OU=ADDRESS LISTS(UC),OU=NAVY,OU=DOD,O=U.S.  
GOVERNMENT,C=US OU=ALNAV,OU=AIG 6-AZ,OU=AUTODIN PLAS,OU=DOD,O=U.S.  
GOVERNMENT,C=US INFO OU=CNO WASHINGTON DC(UC),L=WASHINGTON,L=DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA,OU=ORGANIZATIONS(UC),OU=NAVY,OU=DOD,O=U.S. GOVERNMENT,C=US  
OU=CNO WASHINGTON DC(UC),L=WASHINGTON,L=DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA,OU=ORGANIZATIONS(UC),OU=NAVY,OU=DOD,O=U.S. GOVERNMENT,C=US  
OU=SECNAV WASHINGTON DC(UC),L=WASHINGTON,L=DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA,OU=ORGANIZATIONS(UC),OU=NAVY,OU=DOD,O=U.S. GOVERNMENT,C=US BT  
UNCLAS

ALNAV 036/08

MSGID/GENADMIN/SECNAV WASHINGTON DC/-/MAY//

SUBJ/DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (DON) POLICY ON CONVERSION OF THE ARMY  
COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE AND COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE TO THE COMBAT ACTION  
RIBBON//

REF/A/DOC/SECNAV/29APR2008//

REF/B/DOC/SECNAV/22AUG2006//

NARR/REF (A) IS THE SECNAV MEMORANDUM APPROVING CHANGES TO COMBAT  
ACTION RIBBON POLICY. REF (B) IS THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS  
MANUAL (SECNAVINST 1650.1H).// POC/CDR L.S. PRIEST/NDBDM/LOC:  
WASHINGTON, DC/PHONE: 202-685-6378; DSN: 325-6378//

1. PER REFERENCE A, THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES REVISED DON POLICY ON  
CONVERSION OF U.S. ARMY COMBAT BADGES AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE COMBAT  
ACTION MEDAL TO THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON (CR), EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.  
THESE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT REVISION OF REFERENCE  
(B). IMPLEMENTING GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY COMMANDANT OF THE  
MARINE CORPS (CMC) AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CNO).

2. U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED EITHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY TO  
U.S. ARMY COMMANDS IN COMBAT, WHO, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF CNO (OR HIS  
DESIGNEE), ARE AWARDED THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE (CIB) OR COMBAT  
MEDICAL BADGE (CMB), ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE CR UPON COMPLETION OF

THEIR ASSIGNMENT WITH THE ARMY. THE NAVY DEPARTMENT AWARDS WEB SERVICE

(NDAWS) WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT CONVERSION OF THE CIB OR THE CMB TO THE CR AT THE TIME CONCURRENCE IS APPROVED.

3. U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED EITHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY TO U.S. ARMY OR U.S. AIR FORCE COMMANDS IN COMBAT, WHO EARN THE U.S. ARMY COMBAT ACTION BADGE (CAB) OR THE U.S. AIR FORCE COMBAT ACTION MEDAL (CAM), ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE CR. AT THE TIME NAVY CONCURRENCE IS APPROVED FOR THE CAB OR CAM, CNO WILL DETERMINE IF CR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET. NDAWS WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF CR CONVERSION. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF CURRENT U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL WHO WERE FORMERLY IN THE U.S. ARMY OR U.S. AIR FORCE AND EARNED THE CAB OR CAM MAY SUBMIT A PERSONAL AWARD REQUEST

(OPNAV FORM 1650/3) TO CNO FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CR. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS THAT LED TO AWARD OF THE CAB OR CAM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SUMMARY OF ACTION. OFFICIAL MILITARY DOCUMENTATION OF THE CAB OR CAM APPROVAL MUST ACCOMPANY THE AWARD REQUEST.

4. U.S. MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED EITHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY TO U.S. ARMY OR U.S. AIR FORCE COMMANDS IN COMBAT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ACCEPT, WEAR OR RETAIN THE CIB, THE CAB OR THE CAM. IN CASES WHERE A MARINES ACTIONS IN COMBAT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE CIB, CAB OR CAM, THE U.S. ARMY OR U.S. AIR FORCE COMMAND MUST SUBMIT A PERSONAL AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CR TO THE CMC FOR APPROVAL.

5. RELEASED BY THE HONORABLE DONALD C. WINTER, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.//

BT  
#0001  
NNNN